

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

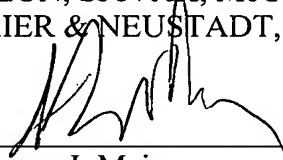
Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claim 10 has been cancelled, and the subject matter of Claim 10 has been incorporated into Claim 1. All of the remaining claims depend from Claim 1.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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